

My name is Pamela Ann Lizardi, I was born in Louisville, Kentucky and raised in Ohio. I have lived in Arizona 27 years, moved to Navajo County 8 years ago after retiring from the U.S. Army having reached the rank of First Sergeant. I have a Bachelors of Science in Business Management from University of Phoenix, a Masters in Education, from Ottawa University, and Certification in Principalship from Northern Arizona University.

I have been married to my soul mate Ruben for 14 years. I taught American History at Show Low High School for 8 years, Department Chair for 2 years, Technology Buddy, as well as Student Council Advisor for 7 years. Together with Ruben we took 27 students to the Presidential Inauguration in 2013. We also did some refereeing, score keeping, announcing and just assisting with numerous sports during my tenure. I would have to say that I do bleed Green and Gold.

While I was serving in the Active Army National Guard as the Marketing Non-Commissioned Officer for the State of Arizona I successfully wrote legislation (HB2043) for all National Guard members to receive college tuition assistance, and most importantly soldiers were able to claim residence status. This required a great deal of communication with stakeholders, legislators and the entire military community. In the first year of its use over 700 soldiers and airmen were able to attend state funded colleges and community colleges due to this effort.

My PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION is as follows; Learning is, of course, the main purpose of education; an education gives students options in life. The goal of every student and the task of every teacher should be to increase knowledge and understanding. I feel that the concept of learning should be focused around four main areas. Independent thought processes are essential to the development of each student. Teaching students how to form unique ideas to solve problems, serves them both in and outside of the classroom. Cooperative interaction is also an essential part of learning, being able to share ideas, validating them with those of others, and teamwork in social and mental development. Teachers should be prepared to lead students in a direction to deduce conclusions using higher level thinking skills and processes in real life situations. Useful transfer of this sort indicates the standards have been mastered.

My goal in running for the Show Low Unified School District is simply to support teachers in the above concepts of learning. Providing them the support they need to accomplish this mission is essential in the success of all students. I appreciate you taking the time to vote and I respect your decision to choose.